

Dodge County Land Conservation
Committee Meeting Minutes
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039
January 23, 2017

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) held a joint meeting including the Planning, Development & Parks Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on January 23, 2017 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building. All actions taken related only to the Land Conservation Committee.

1. Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Larry Bischoff, William Foley, Allen Behl, Dale Macheel, Bill Muche, Lisa Derr and Dick Fink.

Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician, Brittany Bleich, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Environment Health Specialist, Kathy Turner, District Conservationist, Robert Bird, Conservation Agronomist USDA Wildlife Services and Mike Carlson from the Horicon DNR office and manage CAFO'S.

2. Excused: Marc Bethke, County Conservationist
3. Allen Behl moved to permit the Chair to deviate from agenda to efficiently conduct meeting which was seconded by Bill Foley. Motion carried.
4. Approval of December minutes: Motion by Allen of December 19, 2016 seconded by Bill Foley to approve the minutes with corrections as sent by mail.
5. Public appearances/comment: None
6. Agency Advisor Monthly Reports: Kathy Turner said that they are taking applications through February 3rd for the Conservation Stewardship Program to encourage owners to go beyond the positive things they are already doing. The applications for CRP (10-year program) is minimal across the nation.

There is a new program called CLEAR (Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers.) Two possible conservation practices are a bioreactor (bark beds to denitrify the water, which is about 7-year program) and buffers adjacent to streams. Drainage water practice is part of EQUIP program but has not been very popular as most producers are trying to remove water from the land. NRCS is cost sharing and farmers can do it regardless but the question is will Wisconsin approve experimental practice of bioreactors? But CREP (enhanced CRP by the state) would cover cost sharing half the establishment costs of sharing it.

Now they are using CAET (Conservation assessment tool to measure concerns of soil, water, air, etc. with subsets in each category.) Must have two resource concerns met at application and a third by the end of the program term of 5 years.

7. Review of bills and revenue: John Bohonek reviewed bills and revenue as shown on the attached listing.
8. Report on Nonpoint Runoff Work Group: Bill Boettge gave an additional follow up on the producer-led program on February 8, 2017. This is a coalition of producers and lake groups working together. There are 3 main practices including cover crops, no till and nutrient management plans. There will also be a workshop at the Congdon farm the following day for attendees.
9. Presentation by Robert Bird on tillage seminar he attended. The presenter had 15,000 acres of prairie ground. Three prong operation with largest angus bull operation in the country. They farm 10,000 acres of cropland. They use cover crops and nutrient management. He explained how this farm measured the fertilizer value of the nutrients retained in the top soil. "T-value" (Tolerable soil loss is set based upon soil type.) New information included is that no-till has bigger root systems but that doesn't translate into higher yields. Subsequently, you may do a "strip-till" system. Broadcasting versus banding application type doesn't matter as much as ensuring that the necessary amount of nutrients is applied.
10. Discuss Well Testing results - Well testing results first presented this past summer included 66 samples from a 2007 study over a 10-year period. We were refreshing the information two townships at a time. Chester and Trenton townships are next. Through public health you can have a free test if you have a child under 6 or a pregnant woman in the household. DNR.wi.gov and type in drinking and groundwater.

11. Farmland Preservation Program, software tracking update, Notices of Noncompliance, changes from reporting crops annually to self-certification of meeting performance standards. Regarding software, John Dukert is meeting with Jesse O'Neil is the GIS coordinator with Land Resources. They are discussing what the interface should look like before they give that information to the IT Dept.

The prior reporting system on Farmland preservation included information that is not needed. John Bohonek devised a new form that includes both prior 11 standards as well as the three new standards. Current owners have 5 years to comply with new standards but new owners must comply with all the standards. Allen moved and Lisa seconded to sign two certificates of noncompliance. Motion carried.

12. Consider Upcoming WLWCA conference Issues – Derr, Larry, Dale, and other Dept. employees. Deadline is Feb 15th.
13. Walking Quorum Issues – Discussed how to avoid emails that possibly could create a walking quorum.
14. County Conservationist Monthly Report: There have been significant work activities and issues including taking tree orders, completing cost-share money extension, performance evaluations, Plan CREP meeting with FSA and DATCP for 2017 renewals. We have 803 acres in CREP now (mostly buffers, etc.) In addition John processed data for Rock River TMDL, prepared Notices of Non-compliance, Signed certificates of Compliance and sent out COC numbers, revised FPP annual crop reporting for self-certification. In addition he is continuing to gather information for annual report, working on annual work plan for Dodge County including preparing for 5-year review by DATCP of land and water plan.

15. Committee Member Reports -

- a. Dale Macheel reported on Fox Lake meeting on Jan 8th. Herbicide treatment cost per family \$165 borne by them. Drew Creek supposed to be the most impaired waterway in Wisconsin and to determine the source. Dale attended the Land and Water state of Wis. legislative committee. ATCP-50 proposed revisions were discussed. CREP forms being revised as well. DATCAP discussed COC's as they were behind. UW extension gave a report on the

reorganization (including County contributions of 40% for staff.) Discussed DNR split. There was a discussion about 150 million bio-digester for Kewaunee County. There are also 400 different styles of digesters.

b. Bill Muche had nothing to report on Lake Kinnissippi.

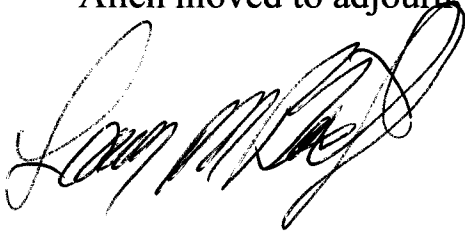
c. The Beaver Dam Lake Improvement is coordinating with the UW WRM Program, Nelson Environmental Inst., the scope is well-defined and they are putting in tasks for taking samples. Madison Civil Engineering program is doing a study on wind fetch. It will break down highest concentration of erosion within hundreds of feet so they will know the areas on which to focus attention. They have done this on Mississippi river by identifying and addressing the issue. Also, the planning grant to support the WRM program (analyzing carp barriers) was submitted and waiting to see if they have received it.

16. Correspondence: John provided a Land and Water Conservation Association Supervisors. Derr will send to John who will include with the minutes.

17. Per Diem – Dick moved and Bill seconded to approve per diems.

18. Next Meeting Date. The committee agreed to continue with the fourth Monday of the month which is February 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

19. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before this committee, Allen moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. Motion carried.



Larry Bischoff, Chair



Lisa Derr, Secretary

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

BILLS

WI. Land & Water Dues	\$1,641.00
Leroy Meats Venison Processing	\$275.00
New plat books	\$46.80
Nonpoint workgroup donation	\$1,500.00
USDA-APHIS	\$8,565.24

TOTAL	\$12,028.04
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REVENUE

Small Packet Tree Orders	\$6,025.00
FPP Late Fees	\$225.00
Department of Ag	\$500.00

TOTAL	\$6,750.00
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